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Den provides 'gathering place' again

By MATT POPOWSKI
Staff Writer

The new Den or "Rittersaal" opened on the first day of May Term.

"It seems to be a great gathering place," said Joyce Boss, associate professor of English. "The atmosphere is cozy."

The Den's menu includes various appetizers, hot and deli sandwiches, soups, salads, desserts, and a wide variety of beverages. The Rittersaal, German for Knight's Hall, offers new items such as wraps, calzones, chicken and pork sandwiches, and ice cream products.

"It's a good place to get a late evening snack," freshman Kurt Andreesen said.

The bakery is expected to be ready by July. It will serve whole grain and reduced-carb breads, and will produce a more complete dessert line of cookies, cakes and bars. Coming this fall are carryout items such as frozen sandwiches and pizzas, and ice cream made on-site.

Construction on the Den and surrounding areas, such as the mailboxes, dining services' offices and Information Desk, was originally scheduled to be done by March.

"It has from our position gone as well as we expected," said Don Juhl, director of dining services.

The original Den closed two years ago during renovation of the Student Center. Its replacement, the Walkway Café, caused inconveniences for staff who had to transport food from the Union to the CTC.

"It's good to be back in the [Student Center] facility," Juhl said.

The Den looks completed, but several months of electric and plumbing work remain. The current furniture is borrowed from upstairs and will be replaced. Still to come are stools for the counter, two- and four-person tables for more individual seating, and more seating with a TV in the carpeted area by the mailboxes currently used for storage. The Den will seat 120 people when completed.

Students can transfer dinners from the Mensa to the Den Monday through Friday.

"It is our goal to get Monday through Friday noon and evening [meals transferable]," Juhl said.

The Den's new location is in the northwest corner of the Student Center, between the Bookstore and the mailboxes. The Den is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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FAVORITE SPOT—Faculty and staff are big users of the new Den, often finding the spot a good place for a break.

Clinton resident charged with assault

Student hits roommate with wine bottle. Tries to visit victim, receives OWI penalty instead.

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN
News Editor

At about 5 a.m. May 11, Wartburg Security received a call about an incident that had occurred just minutes before. Two roommates on Clinton Ground South, Hans Krengel and Eli Sexton, got into an altercation that resulted in Sexton receiving multiple stitches after being cut by a blow to the head with a wine bottle. The bottle broke and left Sexton in need of medical attention.

Security rushed Sexton to Waverly Hospital. Waverly Police arrived to collect information about what happened to instigate the incident.

"We were notified by the hospital that someone was being treated for an assault," Sergeant Gary Rieck of the Waverly Police said. "We arrived at the hospital and began our investigation from there."

Rieck said Krengel was charged with a Class D Felony – assault with willful injury and an aggravated misdemeanor – operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI). Krengel was arrested for the OWI shortly after the assault occured and brought police attention to the assualt.

"We charged Krengel with an OWI at the time of the incident," Rieck said. "Through our investigation into the OWI, we began to develop the willful injury charge as well."

John Myers, director of campus security and safety, said that the level of crime during May Term differs from year to year. To date, Security has had only eight crimes reported in their log this year, compared to 18 for May Term 2003.

"This is the first time we've had a serious physical assault happen in over seven to 10 years" in May Term, Myers said. "Serious physical violence is rare on this campus. We have had armed robberies, but there were no injuries."

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Construction progresses slowly

All current construction on campus planned to be finished by Fall Term

By CHELSEA KROHE
Staff Writer

Wartburg representatives will present the plan for Wartburg's new campus entrance to the Waverly City Council at its meeting tonight. The entrance is one of many construction projects underway at the college.

According to John Wuertz, director of Wartburg's physical plant, work on the entrance will start this week. The goal is to start pouring concrete when school is done for the year, about June 4.

Significant progress has been made in other projects as well. Remodeling in the Science Center started earlier than expected, and classes were moved into the new finished areas in January. Classes will most likely have full use of the completed Center by August because construction is on schedule, Wuertz said.

Advances are being made in the Student Center every day. Wuertz said the construction crew is focusing on the visitor's center, the reflection room, the private dining room and the performance center. The visitor's center is to be completed by early June. So far, the Den is up and running with temporary furniture until the new tables and chairs arrive.

The contractor's completion date for the new Grossman addition is Aug. 1. New furniture for the addition will arrive in mid-August, and the building will be open for housing by move-in time in September, Wuertz said.

All construction projects are estimated to be complete by the beginning of Fall Term.

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BABY GROSSMANN—The north side of the new Grossmann receives a coat of brick to match its twin next door. The residence hall is set to open at the beginning of Fall Term.

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Troubling changes at 'Wartburg Inc.'

Student pride has diminished because of decisions

By JEREMY RIECHEL
Guest Columnist

Dear Mr. Ohle and Administrative Staff:

I have enjoyed and grown from my four years at Wartburg, but I have seen many troubling changes as well. I cannot, in good conscience, graduate without having voiced some opinions.

Wartburg College seems to have become Wartburg Inc. I have seen some of the pride among students, which initially attracted me here, begin to diminish. Many students are increasingly complaining about tuition, policies, and administrative decision-making.

Most students are well aware that Wartburg is largely tuition-driven, meaning it takes a certain number of incoming students paying tuition each year simply to operate effectively. This does three very devastating things: 1) it forces students to come up with more money that is not always visibly beneficial, 2) it contributes to an overcrowding problem that will not likely be easily fixed, and 3) it dictates that when late summer rolls around, if the numbers don't add up, we must scramble to admit a few more students, often at a lesser level of selectivity.

In four years' time, I have seen a noticeable drop in the academic abilities of our incoming students, mainly only concerned with meeting the bare minimum rather than truly becoming the lifelong learners that we often tout we produce. I do not say this to insult anyone, but I think that the administration should have an easily identifiable role in increasing the academic rigor of our institution. Similarly, we are experiencing grade inflation without the accompaniment of increased selectivity of enrollment.

Communication on this campus is terrible. Decisions are made without input from those people who will be most directly affected. Were students consulted about the style of mailboxes to purchase rather than what to do with a style selected by the administration once they got here? Perhaps they were, but in any case no effort was made to educate the entire student body on how, when, and why many crucial decisions were made. By the way, students are not the only ones to be affected by unfair administrative decision-making.

We seem to be putting on a "public relations" front rather than running a college. It was smart to rename the old Student Union as a "Center" because it certainly fails to create any foreseeable union among students. What was created is a nine to five "showpiece" for the community and visitors, not a building that excites and attracts students after a long day of classes and work. Likewise, everything in the new Student Center is being required to appear in a certain "presentable" manner. That's fine, but why not allow it to be a presentable reflection of the students who should have a high degree of ownership in the building designed for them.

The continued building of new facilities is viciously circular in that the debt it creates only adds to the need for increased tuition dollars, meaning more admitted students and a subsequent need to facilitate that increase as well. Why is it that 1,800 will not work as a target enrollment – because we need more tuition dollars each year than that would generate? Why not concentrate on increasing the selectivity of our institution instead? And at the same time, maybe we could attempt to reclaim our classification as the "liberal arts college" that our brochures say we are instead of the "comprehensive college" that we actually are.

As a future alum, I hope I can speak for many other alums by saying that I want my alma mater to instill pride and present a reputation of continually increasing excellence. We should not sell Wartburg short, nor should these problems be so prevalent and identifiable to students. We want our college back!

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May Term on campus might as well be Play Term

Those not abroad aren't always happy with the choices

By COREY HELLAND
Columnist

Here at Wartburg, May Term is often dubbed "Play Term." Although classes are technically in session, everyone knows Play Term is dedicated to goofing off. A quality day consists of several hours lying in the sun, a few hours playing volleyball or softball, having a cookout for dinner, and spending the evening watching baseball. Where does homework fit in that day, you may ask? Nowhere! But hey, that doesn't matter because it's Play Term, right?

For Play Term, the students are given two choices: stay on campus or study abroad. I, for one, can easily justify taking out a $4,000 loan to go study in some country where I cannot even speak the official language. Even though I will have to work 80 hours a week, while living in a one-room shanty in Texas to pay off my Play Term adventures, I will at least have those memories. I mean seriously, piles of dusty photos as opposed to financial stability? There's no question what I'd choose!

Unfortunately, not all Wartburgians have my willingness to throw caution to the wind and sink helplessly into debt, which is why there are meaningful and useful classes offered here on campus, such as Underwater Basket Weaving, The History of History, IS 101: Critiquing Critical Thinking, and IS 201: Diversifying Diversity. Or, if those courses don't strike your fancy, you can take a class that fits into your major. Of course, the class is compacted into a four-week period, and the material won't be covered as in-depth as it would during a normal term. But I'm sure you'll still get the same quality education as you would if you took it during the Fall or Winter Terms. And if not, it doesn't matter, because it's Play Term, right?

Either way, I'm just happy that students are required to take a May Term course. I'm confident that these weeks known as Play Term are taken just as seriously as any other part of my college education. The nickname alone suggests just how detrimental it is to the Wartburg school year. I'm sure the professors love compacting 14 weeks worth of papers and lesson plans into less than a month, just as much as I love knowing that the money I would make working at home during May Term alone would pay off the tuition increase. Yup, as long as I'm wasting money or wasting time I'm happy. Because at Wartburg College, this is what May Term is all about.

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Online sites offer textbook price tag relief

By JEREMY PEDERSEN
Columnist

Going to the Bookstore has been for all of us an exercise in sticker-shock. We see the high prices and complain to each other under our breath. I can think of many times during my years here at Wartburg when we have played that wonderful game of "Who has paid the most for books?"

Now, while many of you believe there is nothing much we can do about our high book prices, the advent of the Internet has given us more avenues to buy our books. By going to sites like Amazon.com, we can avoid the high prices and find major discounts for our books from these chains. For example, consider a book everyone would need: *The Access Bible* for Literature of Old and New Testament. At the bookstore, this book new costs about $30 and used books cost about $22.50. However, on Amazon.com, this book new costs only $22.43. This is a savings of $7.57, or about 25 percent. Used books from other retailers are listed as low as $12.73 (as of May 7). With such large discounts per book, the savings can add up quickly—in my case saving almost $50 on one term alone. (For those of you thinking about postage, services like Amazon.com will give you free shipping for purchases over $25—an easily attainable figure for a college student buying books.)

However, there is one major problem with going online: time. While we can easily purchase the correct book in the bookstore the day class starts, going online will require some time and effort. For me, the shipping time ranged from a few days to a couple of weeks. Therefore, one cannot simply order books on the first day of the term. They have to be ordered much further in advance.

The solution to this seemingly high hurdle is simple: have the faculty give us in advance the required books before class starts. Some professors (like Dr. Fred Strickert, professor in religion), already do this via email. With this advance notification, we students could either a) buy online or b) wait until class starts to buy at the bookstore.

That being said, here is my plea to the faculty of Wartburg College: Please give us students your required booklists in advance. That way, you can empower us to choose either considerable savings or convenience in purchasing our books. And to the students, here is some advice: When the faculty give you such lists, go to Amazon.com, bn.com, or one of several other places and order such books there. In my case I purchased books at almost 50 percent less than at our bookstore. In this age of the Internet and electronic commerce, we do not need to be tied to a small, tiny bookstore to buy our books. Instead, we can just as easily go online and buy the books ourselves for considerably cheaper prices.

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Editor's note: This is a section that allows readers to submit an anonymous opinion in two sentences or less. Send submissions for "Blow Your Horn" to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

■ Thanks to the alumni office for recognizing our classmates graduating in December by inviting them to the senior pig roast. In contrast President Ohle refused to invite the same people even when they asked to attend the senior dinner.

■ The new Student Center should have something like the old Lair. Student recreation simply doesn't seem to matter at this school.

■ If professors make us buy expensive books, then please let us at least use them. What a waste!

■ We need a club, Senate or maintenance to take care of the disc golf course. Let's take some ownership!

■ The Student Center benches need to be placed off the busiest sidewalk on campus.

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A TOUCH OF SPRING– Complex Residence Hall Director Molly West and sophomore Emily Kleiss plant flowers near Clinton Hall as part of a planting day across campus May 6. Students, faculty and staff joined together to plant flowers around campus in an event arranged by the Volunteer Action Center.

2004 Graduation

Date: Sunday, May 23, 2004
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Walston-Hoover Stadium
Rain Site: Field House
Number of Graduates: 313
Including August grad's: 333

Honorary Degrees:
Rev. Dr. Herbert Brokering '45
presented by Rev. Dr. Walter C. Bouzard, Jr.
Rev. Dr. David A. Solberg
presented by Rev. Larry A. Trachte '66

Speakers will include:
Dr. Jack R. Ohle with an introduction by Frederick Hagemann '67.
Student speaker: Derek D. Riley '04

Dr. Ferol S. Menzel will present candidates for degrees and President Ohle will present degrees.

A reception following Commencement will take place near the sculpture east of Vogel Library.

In case of rain, those with tickets will have preferential seating, in the Field House, seating and the remaining seats will be opened up.

Seniors wishing to participate must go to rehearsal at 7:30 a.m. Sunday.

Seniors decide service over careers, further education

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN
News Editor

Three Wartburg College seniors and one Residence Hall Director (RHD) have a different idea for their first year after graduating. Instead of hitting the job market or furthering their education, seniors Stephanie Fisk, Laura Nielsen, and Kelly Dotson and RHD Jesse Henkle decided to spend a year traveling across the United States, doing service work in each of the 48 continental states.

The group's name is Latreia, which is Greek for "serving God and community." Since its initial birth March 5, the group has been raising money, as well as planning in advance for the sites and locations where they will do service work.

The idea to form a group to do service across the nation came to light on the way back from a service trip in San Antonio. Henkle, Nielsen and Dotson thought this would be an incredible idea, so along with Fisk, they started working to create a group that would do just that.

"As we were driving home . . . we all realized we were called to serve in one way or another," Henkle said. "Unfortunately, there were no databases about service work nationwide. We thought, 'wouldn't it be cool if someone created one?' and two months later, we are working on doing so."

Besides creating a database for service work opportunities nationwide, Latreia hopes to keep running for years to come to allow others to share the same opportunities.

"I'm open to see where this leads," Fisk said. "I'd like to see this going on for years, and keep the Web site up forever. In future years we hope to see more sites added... to offer people more places to look into service work."

Dotson said that she hopes that Wartburg students could use Latreia's Web site as a resource to find many new service sites to utilize for service trips. Senior Nate Kerl designed the initial Web site for free.

"Latreia, if anything, should show students as cheesy as it may sound, that dreams can come true," said Nielsen. "If you have an idea, go with it. People will come out of nowhere to support you!"

Besides these four, Team Latreia also has a fifth member with some connections to Wartburg: Dave Truesdale, a St. Olaf graduate and the son of Barbara and the late Vern Truesdale. His mother is a professor at Wartburg.

At the moment, the members of Latreia are trying to connect with organizations and locations of service before they leave in August.

However, service work won't come without a cost for these five individuals. The group estimates it will need to raise $60,000 to cover its operating costs for next year. That amount will cover food, gas and travel expenses, as well as service program fees.

If you'd like to learn more about Latreia's members, see an itinerary on when they'll be in certain states, or want to find out how to make a donation, visit their Web site at www.latreiaconnect.net.

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Security Log

City Log

April 25- At approximately 7 p.m. Waverly Police arrested Megan Elizabeth Gosnell, 21 of Waverly, Brian Jon Kramer, 20, of Waverly, Sheena Maria Treanor, 19, of Dubuque, Blake Alexander Gillis, 18, of Spencer, Traci Lee Robinson, 19, Clarence and Diane Jean Mullins, 18, of Washington, in the 400 block of 4th Avenue NW for Public Intoxication.

April 25- At approximately 8:49 p.m., Waverly Police arrested Andrew Ryan Portis, 20, of Mason City and Andrew Austin Johnson, 20, of Independence for Possession of Alcohol, first offense.

April 26- At approximately 1:31 a.m., Waverly Police responded to an assault that had taken place earlier in the evening at Wartburg Campus. Investigation continuing.

April 27- At approximately 12:05 a.m., Waverly Police received a report of Harassment at Wartburg via the telephone. The incident is under investigation.

April 29- At approximately 1:34 a.m., Bremer County Sheriff's deputies stopped a vehicle driven by Adam Kuester, 22, Royal, for a traffic violation on West Bremer Avenue. Kuester was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated. Kuester was later released with a citation to appear on the charge of Operating While Intoxicated, first offense.

Campus Log

April 18- Campus Security and a hall director stopped a student in Clinton Hall for an alcohol violation. The student was walking across campus with a can of beer and was underage. Investigation continues.

April 18- Campus Security responded to a fire alarm in Chellevold. Alarm was reset. There was no noticeable reason for the alarm.

April 26- A student in Clinton Hall reported receiving threatening phone calls. A phone trap was set with Quest to identify caller. Investigation continues by Waverly Police.

April 27- Hebron Hall director reported a fire alarm in The Complex. Investigation revealed no fire, but that someone pulled an alarm on the Hebron first floor west stairwell. Alarm was reset and no further action unless offenders are identified.

May 3- Student reported her bicycle missing from the west side of The Residence. It was not locked and was not registered with the college. Bike was found May 7.

May 7- Roommates reported someone broke into their ground floor window from the outside while they were in their room watching TV. No witnesses. Investigation continues by Campus Security.

May 9- Campus Security reported an Aggravated Assault and Alcohol Violation. Student reported two other students assaulted him while he and his girlfriend were entering Clinton Hall. The student received injuries consistent with hitting with fists and kicking. He declined medical treatment. Two students arrested for Willful Injury by Waverly Police.

May 9- A student in Centennial Hall reported receiving phone messages, e-mails and notes on message board threatening harm. Investigation continues.

May 10- A report of harassing phone calls was reported in Vollmer Hall. Students receiving annoying and sexually harassing phone calls. Investigation continues by Waverly Police. Phone tap initiated on selected phones.

May 11- Aggravated Assault was reported in Clinton Hall. Student struck his roommate with a bottle. The roommate was treated and released. Investigation continues by Campus Security and Waverly Police.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

SUMMER CLASSES

The deadline to register for the first session of Wartburg summer classes is Wednesday, May 26. Students can earn up to four course credits by enrolling in summer classes offered during two summer sessions, which will run June 7 through July 12 and July 13 through Aug. 16. Students can take up to two courses each session. The complete schedule for both sessions is available online at: http://inet.wartburg.edu/schedule/schedule.asp. Registration forms are available in the Registrar's office.

CONVOCATION TO HONOR FACULTY/STAFF

Dr. Christopher Schmidt, professor of computer science, will be honored with emeritus status at the 11 a.m. convocation in Neumann Auditorium Friday. Forty faculty and staff members who are observing employment anniversaries also will be recognized. An all-campus picnic lunch will follow at noon on the campus mall. In case of rain, the lunch will move to the Mensa.

SENIOR PIG ROAST

All seniors and spouses are invited to the Senior Pig Roast on Thursday at 6 p.m. It will take place at the 4-H Building at Fifth Avenue and Eighth Street SW. Complimentary senior tickets are available through Tuesday in the Alumni Office, located at Luther Hall 136. Tickets must be picked up by 4 p.m on Tuesday and seniors can also pick up their Wartburg gift from the Alumni Association.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

A Baccalaureate for graduating seniors will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday in Neumann Auditorium. Lunch will be served in the Mensa immediately following the service.

Student mail sees changes

Burning Questions?

Will the bushes around Old Main return?

According to John Wuertz, director of the Physical Plant, the yews along the sidewalks near Old Main were taken out because they were getting old and had a lot of dead spots. Once the bushes were removed, the college decided that it liked the more open appearance around Old Main.

Do students who drive a motorcycle have to register it on campus?

According to Wartburg Campus Security, motorcycles must be registered and parked in designated locations. Registration fee is $5 per academic year or $2 with another vehicle registration.

Why is the Info Desk so hard to locate?

According to Becky Randall, Information Desk supervisor, the Info Desk is not in its final location yet. The info desk will be in its permanent location by the time school starts next year.

By JESSICA NYSTEL
Staff Writer

The mailroom and student mailboxes are now located in their permanent location, situated on the lower level of the Student Center by the Den.

All mailboxes are now accessed by combination locks instead of by keys. According to Lex Smith, dean of students, this was done for more efficiency and better security.

"We're getting out of the hassle of issuing and collecting keys," Smith said. The combinations "are new and a little stiff and you have to remember a new set of numbers...but they should provide more security for the mailboxes."

Individual mailboxes also will be available. Incoming freshmen will be assigned their own mailbox, and returning students may have their own box if they go to residential life and request one.

The mailboxes have been causing a few problems that residential life and the mailroom have been working to fix. Smith said students may request a new mailbox if their current one is out of their height range.

Some students have also removed the plastic front plates on the mailboxes in order to see if they have mail without actually opening their boxes. Smith discourages this practice, and students with missing front plates will be charged $10 for new ones.

"We're trying to be responsive to students' needs, but we don't want to lose the (front) plates," Smith said.

The mailroom staff is in the process of folding the mailbox number paper in order to create a small window for the mailboxes.

According to Karen Funk, student center and conference coordinator, the location of the mailroom and student mailboxes should be more convenient.

Incoming and outgoing mail and packaging are now found at one location, instead of being spread out. Students will also be able to buy stamps from the mailroom.

"It will be like one-stop shopping," Funk said. "When new students come in, everything will be easy to find."

Smith said the mailroom is also installing a drop box for outgoing mail and will lengthen its hours in order to accommodate students' needs. Smith encourages students who have suggestions for improvements to contact the mailroom staff.

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ROTATION TROUBLE—Freshman Jessica Schultz attempts to open her new mailbox.

ABOUT FACE

What do you think of the new mailboxes?

"They're hard to open. I felt like a seventh grader trying to open my locker for the first time."
Mandy Fox, senior

"The instructions don't really work. I had to have my friend open them every time."
Casey Gossling, freshman

"They take a very long time to open and you can't see into them, so you have to open them every time."
Scott Young, junior

Education graduates face Iowa job shortage

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

Young teachers in Iowa are facing an insecure job outlook as nearly 2,000 teaching positions are expected to be lost next year if state aid to school districts is not increased. As school districts face rising salary, insurance and utility costs, they could be forced to cut teaching positions.

According to the Iowa State Education Association, many of those teachers who will be cut are likely to be first- and second-year teachers. State budget cuts will also affect education majors graduating this spring as they face a tight job market in Iowa.

"The current situation is both good and bad for young educators," said Matt Townsley, a senior mathematics education major. "Since we are on the bottom of the pay scale, districts may be looking to hire us, but on the same token there are few jobs for us to pick from."

Townsley attributes his successful job search of five interviews and three offers to the fact that math and science teachers are currently in high demand across the nation.

Though Townsley has secured a position at Solon High School, many future educators are still searching.

"The number one concern is getting a job," said Christian Grandgenett, a senior American government education major. "I don't want to be one of those figures you see in the news that 'X' percent of 2004 grads are jobless."

Grandgenett has had one interview and didn't receive that position, but he is still optimistic.

"I'm not overly worried yet because in the grand scheme of things, it is early in the hunt for educators," he said. "I just keep my eyes open for jobs."

Senior Cara Doak, an English education major, has not secured a job yet either and is continuing her search for jobs out-of-state.

"It is difficult to get a job in Iowa," Doak said. She added that she doesn't think the shaky job outlook for Iowa teachers will deter future students from pursuing careers in education.

"I think there will always be people willing to teach," she said, "but if Iowa does not change, most of those teachers will be looking elsewhere. The job markets in other states are much more open and accommodating to teachers."

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Student advice for graduates seeking teaching positions:

"Be patient is number one. If you freak out and get impatient, it isn't going to help."
—Christian Grandgenett

"Students need to research each and every district they apply to. Nobody likes form letters, so don't send them! Tailor your cover letter to the specific position and district and try to convince them to consider you for an interview."
—Matt Townsley

"I would advise them to get an endorsement in the area they would be willing to teach. It is very hard to get a job without an endorsement, and I was told not to obtain one. "
—Cara Doak

Administrative reorganization adds more responsibility

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN
News Editor

Three Wartburg College administrators will be taking over more responsibilities at Wartburg due to a recent reorganization of administrative staff.

Gary Grace, director of athletics, Richard Seggerman, controller, and Dr. Alexander Smith, vice president of student life and dean of students, each will be accepting additional responsibilities.

Starting June 1, Grace will also take on the role of vice president for administration and remain as director of athletics. As a vice president, Grace will supervise the offices of business and finance, human resources and the physical plant department.

"It's always a challenge to take on new responsibilities," Grace said. "I love Wartburg and would do anything I could to maintain it."

Grace also said that as the athletic department gets used to his new commitments, he would eventually move away from the day-to-day operations of the athletic area and focus on his new position.

Seggerman will serve as treasurer and chief business officer for the college and be responsible for the day-to-day business operations of Wartburg. Seggerman began his new position on May 1.

In addition to his current responsibilities, Smith has already begun his role as supervisor of the new Student Center, including dining services, the bookstore, and printing and mailing services.

"The Student Center is like the living room of campus, and by providing the correct leadership we can get the Student Center off the ground and running in the right direction," Smith said.

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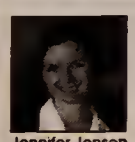
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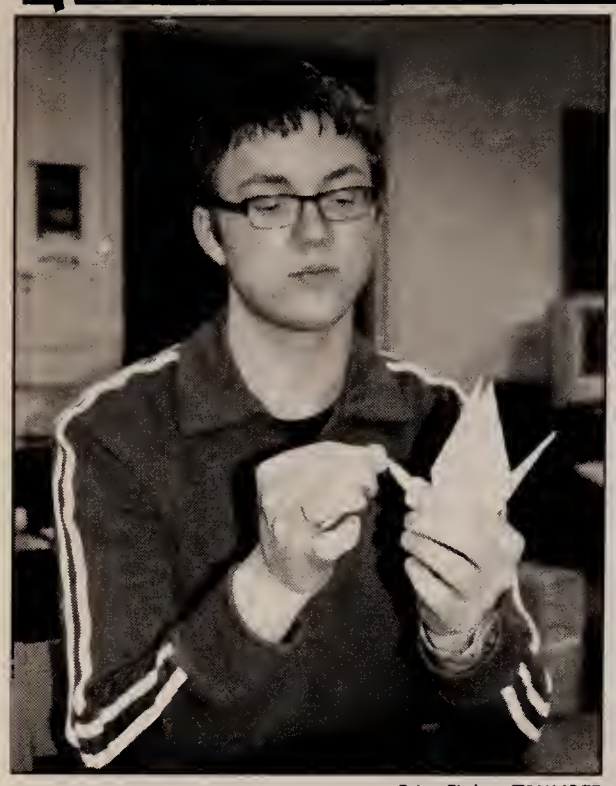

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FOLDING FOR PEACE—Junior Wyatt Sheeder has helped organize a group to fold paper cranes for Sadako Peace Day.

Origami Club folds a new page

By SARAH GUHL
Staff Writer

Sadako Sasaki was a healthy child until she was 12 years old. That's when she was diagnosed with leukemia, often referred to in Japan as the "A-Bomb disease." In the hopes that an ancient legend would come true, Sadako set out to fold 1,000 origami cranes, with her wish being to become well. Though she died before she could complete the task, her mission has lived on.

A peace monument was built in Hiroshima, Japan, in 1958, and since then, groups and individuals around the world have sent 1,000 cranes to the Children's Peace Monument in Japan. The engraving found on the monument echoes their mission: "This is our cry and our prayer, in building peace in this world."

Now Wartburg will join in the quest for peace with the creation of Origami Club. Junior Wyatt Sheeder, with a group of interested individuals, will begin their contributions next fall to send them to Hiroshima by Aug. 6, Sadako Peace Day.

Sheeder said it would be a non-intimidating way to get the club going and an attainable goal because people can be as active as they want to be.

"It's just a way for us to recognize that people struggle with wanting a peaceful world," Sheeder said.

The club will have a laid-back structure. Sheeder plans to meet at the beginning of the year to distribute supplies and get students, faculty, staff and even children involved.

Sheeder said it would be fun around Christmas to get people not in the club involved. He would like to bring some youth to campus, telling them the story and letting them fold some cranes. Groups might include local elementary classes or 4-H clubs.

Sheeder was in fourth grade when he got started with origami after a relative gave him an origami book. The music education and music therapy major has been giving origami as gifts for years.

He said that one May Day, he created paper fortunetellers, flipped them over and filled them with treats for his entire class. He has also made modular origami, pieces that are composed of many other pieces to form stars or other shapes, and painted them to give away as Christmas gifts.

Origami Club probably won't be limited to the peace project and children's groups, Sheeder said.

"I think with any organization, there's a potential for interaction and communication that can't be premeditated," Sheeder said. "There's some international students interested that probably know more about this than I do."

Sheeder encourages anybody interested in folding cranes to contact him at wyatt.sheeder@wartburg.edu.

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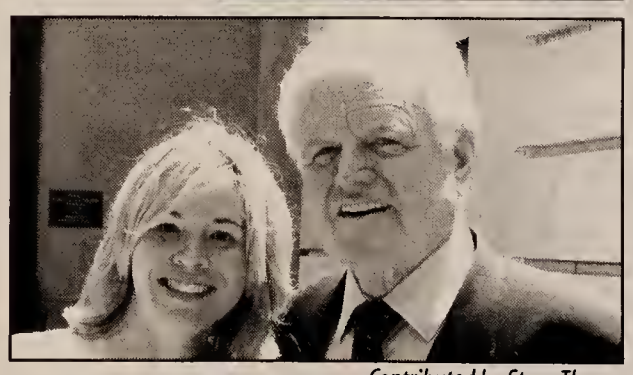
May Term snapshots

PLAY TIME—Freshmen Nicole Murphy and Erin Wright enjoy their time spent with the less fortunate at an orphanage in Mexico. The trip focused on immersing students in Mexican culture and language. *Tina Hinz/TRUMPET*



Contributed by Stacy Tharp

CAPITOL CELEBRITY— Sophomore Stacy Tharp encountered Sen. Ted Kennedy D-Mass. on Capitol Hill during the American Legislature and Judiciary class' 11-day trip to Washington D.C.

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REACHING FOR THE MOON— Sophomore Michelle Bethel and freshman Kara Dobelis lead the climb up the ancient ruins of the Pyramid of the Moon in Teotihuacan, Mexico.

ETK executives, plans announced

By KRYSTAL FOWLER
Staff Writer

A hypnotist and comedian, who will entertain incoming students during orientation week in the Fall Term 2004, is the first of several activities planned by next year's Entertainment ToKnight (ETK) executives.

Other September events include soloist Ari Hest, who recently signed with Columbia Records (Sept. 13) and a concert featuring the Human Jukebox on Clinton Field Sept. 22.

The annual large event has not been decided yet, freshman ETK executive Mary Hetrick said.

"The large event is usually the most popular, but next year keep your eyes open for a ton of amazing events," she added.

ETK welcomes tips, compliments and criticisms. Contact any of the members at etk@wartburg.edu or check out information on their Web site: www.wartburg.edu/etk.

The 2004-05 ETK officers include sophomore Megan DeMeulenaere, president; senior Adam Haight, vice president; junior Heather Burns, marketing; junior Kari Tindall, hospitality co-chair, freshman Brian McCarty, ticket sales and promotions co-chair; freshman Scott Kempel, security co-chair, and freshman Mary Hetrick, office manager.

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Summer blockbusters preview

Photo courtesy of frogtime.com

Shrek 2

Mike Myers Jennifer Saunders, John Cleese, Cameron Diaz

Shrek and Fiona deal with the disappointment of Fiona's parents upon learning that she's married an ogre. The couple also finds opposition in the form of Prince Charming (Rupert Everett).

Release Date: May 21

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The Day After Tomorrow

Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal, Jared Harris

In this special-effects packed, highly anticipated event motion picture, an abrupt climate change has cataclysmic consequences for the entire planet.

Release Date: May 28

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Garfield: The Movie

Bill Murray, Breckin Meyer, Jennifer Love Hewitt

Garfield (voice of Bill Murray) has to rescue Odie, his owner's annoying dog, after the pooch is kidnapped by bad guys.

Release Date: June 11

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The Terminal

Tom Hanks, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Michael Nouri

Viktor Navorski (Tom Hanks) is a visitor from Europe whose homeland erupts in a coup while he is en route to America. He can't enter the United States and must stay in the transit lounge at the airport until the war ends.

Release Date: June 18

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Cinderella Story

Hilary Duff, Chad Michael Murray, Julie Gonzalo

High school senior Sam Montgomery (Hilary Duff) lives at the beck and call of her step-mother Fiona (Jennifer Coolidge) and her step-sisters. Sam finds her prince, who turns out to be her school's quarterback.

Release Date: July 16

Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

The Manchurian Candidate

Denzel Washington, Liev Schreiber, Kimberly Elise

Denzel Washington plays Bennett Marco, a soldier who, along with the rest of his platoon, is kidnapped and brainwashed by the enemy during the first Gulf War.

Release Date: July 30

Year of the Knights

Wartburg athletics ranks in top seven among NCAA division III schools

Ben Shanno/TRUMPET

JOINING THE CROWD—The Wartburg men's soccer team's first conference title in school history was a highlight of the 2003-2004 athletic season. Soccer lost in the NCAA playoffs in a penalty kick shootout.

By NICK PETAROS
Sports Editor

A combination of continued excellence and newfound success made Wartburg's 2003-2004 athletic seasons as successful as any. Through April 8, the Knights are ranked No. 7 out of 246 NCAA division III institutions in the 2004 NACDA directors cup. The directors cup ranks institutional success in athletics by assigning point values for each college's finish in national competition for up to 18 sports. This year should mark the fourth consecutive time Wartburg will be ranked in the top 15 of the directors cup final standings.

"I think the last five-year run has been outstanding," Wartburg athletic director Gary Grace said. "The rewarding thing is that we've been consistent. We've been doing everything successfully and for the last five or ten years now we've had several successful classes through graduations."

At the national level, the Wartburg wrestlers continued to set high standards of excellence, earning back-to-back team titles with four individual champions. According to Wartburg President Jack R. Ohle, the wrestling program, headed by W.I.N. magazine's Dan Gable 2004 coach of the year Jim Miller, has grown to "a level that has encouraged every team to aspire to be the best in the nation."

Other examples of exemplary success occurred in the sports of cross country and track and field. Last fall junior cross country standout Missy Buttry won her second national title and was joined by junior Josh Moen who became Wartburg's first men's national champion. Buttry and Moen's wins marked the first time in NCAA history that both cross country national champions came from the same institution.

Moen earned an additional national title in March's national indoor track and field championships. The other national title winner was the men's 4x400 meter relay team of seniors Steve Bubb, Brent Showalter and Alex and Andy Six.

In addition to national success, this year saw Wartburg experience domination across the board in Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) competition. The Knights won 10 of 19 team conference regular season or tournament titles. Wartburg IIAC titles went to men's soccer for the first time in school history and men's golf for the first time since 1972.

"A lot of this stuff is just awesome, there have been many things that we've been doing well at for quite some time now," Grace said. "It goes without saying that there are a lot of schools that if they won one or two conference championships that would really get them excited."

According to Grace, Wartburg's strong reputation in athletics is a result of several graduating classes of student athletes having positive experiences and quality personnel in coaching.

"[We have] good coaching and good, quality people involved with helping student athletes with what they need to work on and hopefully what they [student-athletes] remember about the athletic department is positive," Grace said.

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Sports briefs

Franzen to Nebraska Wesleyan

Mark Franzen, who has been a coach at Wartburg for six years, will leave Wartburg to take over the men's basketball program at Nebraska Wesleyan next fall. Franzen was the head coach for women's and men's golf and was also the assistant basketball coach. Along with coaching at Nebraska Wesleyan, Franzen will teach in the health and human performance department.

Franzen enjoyed many accomplishments in his time at Wartburg. He was named women's golf Coach of the Year in 2002 and was men's golf Coach of the Year in 2000 and 2004, which makes him the only coach in IIAC history to win both honors. He also helped the basketball team to 20 wins in a season four years in a row. Wartburg is looking for a replacement to fill both the basketball and golf vacancies.

Miller Coach of the Year

Wartburg head wrestling coach Jim Miller was named W.I.N. Magazine's Dan Gable Coach of the Year. Miller has led the Knights to 12 straight Iowa Conference championships and four national championships, going back-to-back the last two years. Miller becomes only the second non-Division I coach to win the award, and the first Division III coach to do so.

Football to visit Germany

The Wartburg Knights football team is taking a trip to Germany after May Term, allowing the team to conduct spring practice rather than just off-season workouts. During the week-long trip, the team will have two practices and play one game against a German league team.

Assistant coach hired

The football team also recently welcomed a new addition to their coaching staff, hiring Joel Dettwiler to replace the departed Matt Mitchell. Dettwiler will take over as both linebackers coach and strength and conditioning coach for the college.

Grace promoted to Vice President for administration

See story online at http://www.wartburg.edu/trumpet

Humble beginnings

Dohlman becomes first Knight golfer to compete at nationals

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
Asst. Sports Editor

Erin Dohlman has a few ingredients for success: hard work, dedication and humility.

Erin Dohlman

"I just play golf," Dohlman said. "I'm kind of disappointed the whole team didn't get to go, but maybe that'll change next year."

Dohlman, a sophomore from Leroy, Minn., made history this year by becoming the first golfer, male or female, in Wartburg history to be selected for the national championships. She finished in a tie for 28th place, the highest finish for any female Iowa Conference golfer this year.

"It's something I wanted to do growing up," Dohlman said. "I've been playing golf my whole life."

Dohlman didn't get to nationals on her own, though. She's had a lot of people helping her along the way.

"My teammates gave me little pieces of information and coach Franzen helped me when he was around," Dohlman said. "And, of course, my family helped, too."

Dohlman has combined the advice she's received with hard work to get where she's at today. That and some time in Phoenix.

"I do a lot of practice and use time of my own," Dohlman said. "And we had off-season workouts and we lifted weights. Then we went to Phoenix for a week over the first break."

Things didn't come easy for Dohlman, though. She had to miss the first meet in the spring season because of a bout with mono.

"Missing the first meet made me really miss it," Dohlman said. "Everyone wants to play, but I really wanted to play because I realized how much I missed out on. I was in the hospital the night before (the first meet). I missed class for two weeks in March. I couldn't even walk without being exhausted. It took a lot of hard work to get back."

Despite her finish, Dohlman is keeping with her humble tone.

"It hasn't hit me yet, I guess."

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Big summer plans for Buttry

By ANDREW DRYSDALE
Sports Writer

Perennial national champion Missy Buttry, Wartburg's standout junior from Shenandoah, has big goals for the summer. She will run in the NCAA division III Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in Decatur, Ill. hosted by Millikin University; however, there is an even bigger race in July. Buttry plans to run at the U.S. Olympic Qualifier in Palo Alto, Calif.

Before the big event, Buttry has a lot of work ahead of her. She will have to train consistently through the summer, a time that most collegiate distance runners use as down time, and then build towards the cross country season as the summer progresses. Buttry plans to train in Waverly at least until the Olympic Trials and Wartburg head cross country coach Steve Johnson will oversee Buttry's training throughout the summer.

"It's worked this long, so why change things now?" Buttry said.

There is still some uncertainty about which race Buttry will run at the trials. Initially the focus was going to be on the 5k, a race in which Buttry has dominated against NCAA competition, matching up against the best in the nation. The 10k, a race Buttry has yet to run in her track career, has recently become an attractive option.

"I want to do both," Buttry said. "It will depend on what the coaches want me to do or if I have a better shot at one or the other."

Another factor for Buttry in which race she will run will be how she performs in the two races leading up to the Olympic trials. She will run in a 5k, in Oregon at the Adidas meet and also a 10k at a meet hosted by Stanford College. If she performs exceedingly well in either race, she will focus on that one going into the trials.

Ultimately Buttry has set a goal time of 15:03 for the 5k, regardless of her place and wants to run an a qualifying standard in the 10k. She will face stiff competition in the 5k at the trials as North Carolina's Shalane Flanagan, ex-Stanford runner Laura Freshman, and professionals Deena Drossin, Shayne Culpepper, Marla Runyan and Carrie Tollefson will all be toeing the line with her.

Security will be a top priority at this year's Olympic games in Athens, and if Buttry does qualify she will be subject to tight security measures.

"I'm somewhat nervous about Athens, but I know there's been a lot of talk about the security there. They've spent more money this year than any other year," Buttry said. "I'm still kind of nervous going over to another country with that kind of stuff going on though."

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ATHENS ASPIRATIONS—Missy Buttry hopes to qualify for U.S. Olympic team this summer.

Title run hits eight

By AARON HAGEN
Sports Writer

Eight straight conference championships was a goal of the baseball team all year, and with a pair of wins over the University of Dubuque, that goal became a reality. This weekend, an equally tough challenge presented itself to the Knights, the conference tournament in Cedar Rapids. After a rough start and an opening round loss, the Knights recovered with two wins to survive to the last day. But Simpson outlasted Wartburg with a 10-7 win in a 10 inning championship game.

In a game that lasted nearly three-and-a-half hours and saw 13 pitchers used, sophomore Pat Henderson tied the game in the ninth as he got a hit, stole a base and scored on senior Chris Winter's sacrifice fly. The Storm took advantage of wild pitching and key hits in the 10th for the win.

To even survive to the final day, Wartburg had to survive an elimination game by winning in exciting fashion with a 12-11 win over Central. With the game tied in the bottom of the ninth, junior Aaron Port drew a bases loaded walk to take the win.

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CELEBRATION—Members of the Wartburg baseball team celebrate their regular season conference championship after a double header win over Dubuque.

The Knights started out rocky in the first game of the conference tournament as they were dismantled by Cornell, 11-4. Wartburg collected only seven hits in the game with five of those going for extra bases.

In the elimination round of the tournament, the Knights rallied to beat Luther 8-1 to eliminate the Norse. Freshman Matt Scherbring threw for the Knights and gained his team-leading ninth win of the year. He gave up just one run on six hits and struck out three in eight innings of work.

For the second consecutive year, the Knights won 30 games with a 30-15 record after the conference tournament. They entered conference tournament play with a 13-3 conference record and were the number one seed.

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Softball ends season

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

A 30-win season would be a cause for celebration for most teams; however, it still brought disappointment to the Wartburg softball team as they failed to qualify for post-season play.

For the first time in four years, the Knights were unable to earn a trip to the NCAA regional tournament despite a record of 32-8.

"Overall we didn't reach the ultimate goals that we wanted to," senior center fielder Lindsey Smith said, "but I think also as athletes you understand that the journey is what's important. At the end of the season it really has been a success and a fun year."

In her first season with the Knights, Head Coach Kara Kehe stressed the positive aspects of the season, including the team's 17-game win streak that began the season.

"When you look at the conference contenders–Central, Simpson and Coe–we split with those teams and felt like we played very well in those games," Kehe said.

The team will lose seven seniors this year, four of whom also earned 2004 All-Conference honors. Senior Betsy Girsch and third baseman Carrie Clement were named first team All-Conference, while Smith and pitcher Kelly Watkins were named second team All-Conference.

The Knights will also lose catcher Heather Winter, infielder Julie Medhus and outfielder Alicia Cox to graduation this spring.

"Our seniors this season provided a core group for us as far as leadership," Kehe said.

Kehe also said the team has a talented group returning, including junior shortstop Cindy Hannemann who earned second team All-Conference honors.

"I think that the group is left a little hungry to play in a regional tournament," Kehe said. "One of the big areas of focus next year will be consistently playing to our potential throughout the season. We're going to make our focus being the top team in the conference next year."

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Individual medals highlight tourney

By SEAN KANE
Sports Writer

The Wartburg men's tennis program continued its improvement, finishing strong at the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) tournament. After finishing fifth in team competition on the tournament's opening day, the Knights dominated individual competition on days two and three earning more medals than any other school.

Junior Blake Flores and sophomore Nick Wuertz became Wartburg's first individual conference titlists since 1991 with wins in the 'B' and 'C' singles flights. Senior Nick Schauf closed out his tennis career teaming up with junior Mark Giesmann to reach the finals of 'A' doubles. Other medallists included sophomores Nick Petaros and Josh Ziegler, who completed a 'C' flight sweep finishing in second and third, respectively.

In team competition, Wartburg fell 4-3 to rival Simpson College in its first round meet. The Knights took the doubles point over the Storm with wins in the No. 1 and 2 matches. Singles was a different story, however, as Wartburg dropped four of the six matches to Simpson. Wartburg's singles wins came from Flores (6-2,6-0), and Giesmann (6-3,4-6,6-3).

After the 3-4 loss to Simpson, Wartburg breezed past Buena Vista in the consolation side of the bracket, beating them 4-0. In the consolation fifth place meet against Cornell, Wartburg won 4-1. Knight winners included Giesmann (7-5,6-1), Flores (6-1,6-0), Wuertz (6-3,6-0), and sophomore Gerhard Asiedu-Ofei (7-5,6-3). The win improved Wartburg's season record against Cornell to 2-1.

"It was nice to get back at Cornell and beat them to get fifth place," Flores said. "It would have been even sweeter to have beaten Simpson in the first round to have a chance at winning it all."

Flores would do just that in the individual competition. After getting a bye in the first round of 'B' singles, he steamrolled through the competition, winning all matches in straight sets. Flores defeated Jim Thompson of Cornell in the finals (6-4,7-6), completing a perfect 7-0 week.

"It felt great to win conference, especially going undefeated for the week," Flores said.

Wuertz followed Flores' example by winning 'C' singles. Wuertz defeated teammate Petaros in the finals 6-2,6-3. Ziegler beat Marcus Bowersox (2-6,6-2,6-4) in the third place match.

In doubles, the Knights No. 1 team of Giesmann and Schauf made it to the finals with wins over Coe 9-8, and Central 8-4. They lost to nationally ranked Nick Barnes and Adam Elliot from Coe 8-0.

All-conference awards went to Schauf and Giesmann for their finish in 'A' doubles as well as Flores and Aseidu-Ofei, who reached the quarter finals of 'A' singles.

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GOING WITH THE FLO'—Junior Blake Flores returns the ball in earlier action against Cornell. Flores concluded the year with seven consecutive wins and the 'B' flight title.

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Streak reaches five

Women earn fifth straight IIAC title; men finish as runners-up

By KEITH SOLVERSON
Sports Writer

The Wartburg Track and Field teams both had strong showings at the Iowa Conference meet this weekend. The women's team won with 239 points while runner-up Loras College finished with 171 points. On the men's side Central College won with 207 points, followed by Wartburg with 177.

The women's team had eight individual champions in the meet. Freshman Bridget Burns notched a first place finish in the 400-meter dash with a time of 56.92 seconds and also placed second in the long jump (5.44m) and third in the 200-meter dash (25.68). Sophomore Jill Robertson won the women's 10k in a time of 39:06.48.

Junior standout Missy Buttry took home three titles on her way to two IIAC meet records. Buttry won the 800 meter run in 2:13.82, set a new conference record in the 1,500 meter run in 4:24.35, and set another meet record in the 5,000 meter run by running 15:57.69.

"I was happy with the way I ran, but the important thing was that we won as a team," Buttry said.

Other conference champions include seniors Holly Dorenkamp, Dia Dolhman and Theresa Stotts. Dorenkamp won the 400 meter low hurdles in 1:02.35, Dolhman won the javelin with a throw of 46 meters, and Stotts won the hammer toss with a throw of 47.01 meters. The Knight women also won the 4x400 meter relay in a conference record time of 3:53.72.

The Knight men had three individual champions and added a relay title while finishing second in the meet. Three school records were broken during the meet. Junior standout Josh Moen won the 5k in a meet record time of 14:37.93 and won the 10k in 31:42.99.

"It was unfortunate that we didn't win the team title, but there were still a lot of impressive performances on our part," Moen said.

Senior Tate Behning rounded out the individual champions on the men's side with a time of 9:35.33 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. The men's 4x100 meter relay also won a title in a time of 42.15.

Senior Steve Bubb broke the school record in the 400-meter dash while placing second in a national meet qualifying time of 47.40. Junior Phil Barnett smashed the school record in the hammer toss while also placing second with a throw of 51.58 meters. Barnett's toss was good enough to provisionally qualify him for the national meet as well. Sophomore Josh Hauser broke the school record with a leap of 6.96 meters in the long jump while placing second, which provisionally qualifyed him for the national meet.

The Knight's men and women teams will have individuals and relays participating at the 2004 Outdoor Track and Field NCAA Championships May 27-29 in Decatur, Ill.

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SUPERWOMAN—Junior pole vaulter Lindsay Albertsen competes in the pole vault as a part of the annual Wartburg/Luther dual held on May 6. Albertsen finished second clearing a height of 2.92 meters.

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Title drought comes to end

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

The last time the Wartburg men's golf team could call itself champions, disco was just coming into style. That is until this year. The Wartburg men's golf team captured its first Iowa Conference Tournament title in 32 years after shooting a 72-hole team score of 1,188 to finish 14 strokes ahead of the defending tournament champions, Central College. Head coach Mark Franzen was also named Coach of the Year for the second time in the last five seasons.

The four-day tournament began at Gates Park Golf Course in Waterloo on April 23-24 when the Knights shot a two-round total of 593 to take a commanding nine-stroke lead. The tournament concluded at Ellis Park Golf Course on May 1. With a third-round score of 295, the Knights took a 13-stroke lead going into the final day of play and finished the tournament with a 300, clinching the title. Central finished with a 72-hole total of 1,202, while Loras and Simpson tied for third place after shooting 1,217.

Wartburg sophomore Kevin Ault captured the individual medallist honor, winning the 72-hole tournament with a one-over-par 289. Freshman Andrew Miller and senior Dan Schmitz also earned All-Conference honors. Miller finished fourth overall with a 297 while Schmitz shot 299 to finish sixth. Junior Alan Johnson tied for 11th place with a 305 and senior Andy Schmitz tied for 19th with a 308.

"Winning conference has been a goal of mine since my freshman year," Andy Schmitz said. "We've been close, but to finally win in convincing fashion shows how good our team is this year."

After the team placed fourth last year, Ault said it was fun for the team to come out this year and win by 14 strokes.

"Succeeding individually feels great," he said, "but seeing our whole team succeed feels even better. I would take our team honors over my individual any day."

The tournament was Franzen's last with the Knights after accepting the head men's basketball coaching position at Nebraska Wesleyan.

"He [Franzen] built the program from the ground up by bringing in the players that the program needed to rise to the top," Dan Schmitz said. "His recruiting, coupled with the attitude of toughness and hard work that he impresses upon his players, can only breed success."

Earning the 2004 Conference title, the Knights don't plan on waiting another 32 years to win again.

"Winning conference every year would be a good goal," Miller said. "Ultimately, I would like to see our team make it to nationals. I think we know we are good enough and we need to prove it."

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CHAMPION—Senior Dan Schmitz looks for the pin at last year's conference tournament. He was named all-conference this year.

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Rich Rites

Clash of NCAA divisions

Ah, my last column of the school year. I am kind of sad, yet kind of happy. I am sad that I no longer get to rant and say whatever (basically) I want (at least, not for another four months). But I am happy because this means that school is nearly over, which is always a good thing. So, I chose to focus on something happy in this last column rather than something sad because I wouldn't want to send you all into summer in a grumpy tone.

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A happy thing I noticed the other day was in a column by the Des Moines Register's Sean Keeler, who picked up on the recent announcements that club or foreign teams will not be allowed on Division I basketball schedules and that the start date for the Division III basketball schedule was pushed up to Nov. 1.

This could possibly lead to Division III schools, specifically Iowa Conference schools, playing Division I schools. This idea is already being pitched by John Cochrane, the commissioner of the IIAC, and could become a reality very soon.

Keeler points out many of the positives that would come from this, namely money in everyone's pockets, but I believe he leaves out one important positive that could result. He doesn't mention the experience that the small schools would gain by playing their bigger brothers.

Keeler does quote Buena Vista coach Brian Van Haaften as saying, "Our goal for our program is [a championship]. When you're playing a team that you have no chance to beat, you lose that opportunity."

I would like to respond to coach Van Haaften's remarks. He may be partially correct. If you only play games that you can't win, you are never going to win a championship. But, if you play one game against a superior team, I believe there is a lot of valuable experience gained. Many teams gain experience and knowledge just from watching Division I teams play, so think what could be learned from actually being on the court with those guys.

These teams wouldn't just get the experience of playing with the Division I athletes, but they would get to play in front of crowds that would amount to a seasons worth of people for most IIAC schools. Trust me, playing at a small school and then getting a chance to play in front of thousands instead of hundreds makes things a lot more fun.

Now, admittedly, Iowa is not a basketball hotbed. But even Iowa, Iowa State, UNI or Drake athletes and coaches could show Division III teams what it is like to play Division I basketball. Because let's face it, Division III basketball just isn't the same as Division I basketball.

And what happens if it's a close game, or even an upset? The Division III team can head into the season with a major win, while the Division I team would probably have a lot of work to do. But at least they would find that out against people they know rather than Marathon Oil or the Australian National Team.

The Division I teams have to play two exhibition games regardless and the exhibition wouldn't count against the Division III teams record, so why not have neighbors playing rather than complete strangers?

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